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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard GUMPOLTSBERGER and Michael PREUß
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Filed : March 24, 2004
For : POWERSPLIT LAYSHAFT TRANSMISSION
WITH BEARING PLATE FOR SUPPORT OF
RADIAL FORCE
Group Art Unit : 3681
Examiner : Tisha D. LEWIS
Docket : ZAHFRI P621US

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The Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed December 14, 2006, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Drawings:

Please amend FIG. 1 of the drawings, presently on file, as indicated in red ink on the Annotated Drawings accompanying the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of the requested drawing amendment at this time. **Also please enter the enclosed new Replacement Sheets of drawing, accompanying the attached Submission, which incorporates the requested drawing amendment.**

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13 and 16, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claim 17 and amend claims 8-10 and 12 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.